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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Final Office Action be extended three months from February 25, 2004 to May 25, 2004 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$475.00 for a three-month extension for a small entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying check. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 11533.0012.CPUS05.

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